

EMANUEL T. NEWMAN,
PLAINTIFF,

CASE NO 1:CV-01-0677

V.

(CONNER, J)

RONALD L. JURY, SIS,
ET AL., DEFENDANTS

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PLAINTIFF'S TRIAL BRIEF

1) SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

COMES NOW, EMANUEL T. NEWMAN, PLAINTIFF

PRO-SE, WHO BROUGHT THE BIVENS ACTION AT BAR.

DURING ALL RELEVANT TIMES PLAINTIFF WAS
INCARCERATED AT U.S.P. ALLENWOOD.

PLAINTIFF'S EIGHTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS
WERE VIOLATED WHEN LIEUTENANTS CAPRIC
AND WHITE FAILED TO PROTECT HIM
FROM SERIOUS HARM THAT THEY KNEW
OF OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF.

ON APRIL 16, 1999, PLAINTIFF WAS ASSAULTED

IN THE DINING ROOM AT U.S.P. ALCONWOOD

SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT PROVOCATION WITH

A METAL CLUB BY AN INMATE WHO WAS

UNKNOWN TO HIM.

PLAINTIFF SUFFERED NUMEROUS CONTUSIONS,

AND CUTS TO HIS HEAD AND BODY; HE

WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL ON A GURNEY

BECAUSE HE WAS FLIPPING IN AND OUT

OF CONSCIOUSNESS FROM THE LOSS OF BLOOD.

PLAINTIFF REMAINED IN THE PRISON

HOSPITAL UNDER OBSERVATION FOR 5

DAYS. ON APRIL 21, 1999, PLAINTIFF WAS

RETURNED TO GENERAL POPULATION BY

LEUTENANT RON L. JURY.

IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF HIS CIVIL COMPLAINT THIS PLAINTIFF STATED THAT LIEUTENANT JURY HAD RETURNED HIM TO THE POPULATION WITHOUT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION VIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FROM THE B.O.P., PLAINTIFF CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT LIEUTENANT JURY HAD IN FACT DONE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

BUT WAS UNABLE TO UNCOVER ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE MURDER CONSPIRACY BETWEEN THE INMATES WHO CARRIED OUT THE APRIL 16, 1999 ASSAULT, AND INMATE KEVIN TENSLEY, WHO INITIATED A SECRET

CONSPIRACY AMONG THE D.C. BOYS AT THIS ONSE

THEFORE, PLAINTIFF VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW
LIEUTENANT JURY FROM THIS LITIGATION.

PLAINTIFF, AFTER BEING RELEASED INTO
THE POPULATION, WAS INFORMED BY INMATE

WAYNE E. JACKSON THAT INMATE KEVIN

TENSLEY HAD INITIATED A CONSPIRACY

AMONG THE D.C. BOYS TO HAVE HIM

MURDERED, AND THAT THE INMATES

WHO HAD ATTACKED HIM IN THE DISH-

ROOM HAD BEEN ACTING IN THE

FURTHERANCE OF THAT CONSPIRACY.

PLAINTIFF, WENT TO LIEUTENANT

CAPRIO AND MADE HIM AWARE OF

CONSPIRACY AGAINST HIM, AND REQUESTED THAT HE DO WHATEVER WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE HIS SAFETY. CAPRIO SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND GET BACK WITH ME. HE THEN RETURNED ME TO THE POPULATION.

AS PLAINTIFF SAT BEFORE LIEUTENANT CAPRIO HIS APPEARANCE WAS THAT OF SERIOUS ASSAULT. PLAINTIFF'S HEAD WOUND FROM THE APRIL 16, 1999 ASSAULT BLED FOR ALMOST A MONTH, AND TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT TRIAL WILL SHOW THAT THE BANDAGE WAS CHANGED DAILY. THE LEFT SIDE OF PLAINTIFF'S FACE WAS SWOLLEN, HIS

LIP ON THAT SIDE OF HIS FACE WAS ALSO SWOLLEN AND PURPLE, HIS ENTIRE HEAD WAS WRAPPED IN A BANDAGE THAT WAS SOAKED THROUGH WITH A LARGE BLOOD STAIN.

AS A PROFESSIONAL IN THE FIELD OF CORRECTIONS, LIEUTENANT CAPRIC SHOULD HAVE TAKEN ONE LOOK AT PLAINTIFF'S PHYSICAL INJURIES, AND AFTER BEING MADE AWARE OF THE MURDER CONSPIRACY, BY THIS PLAINTIFF. HE SHOULD HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PLAINTIFF HAS ALREADY BEEN SERIOUSLY ASSAULTED ONCE, AND KNOWING THE VIOLENT HISTORY OF THE D.C. BOY, MOVED TO PROTECT PLAINTIFF.

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PLAINTIFF, IN HIS CIVIL COMPLAINT AT PARAGRAPH 20, STATES THAT HE SUFFERED EXTREME AND DANGEROUS HEAD INJURIES AND CONTINUING SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF VISION, AND THAT BETWEEN MAY 8TH AND MAY 14, 1999, HE SUFFER SEVERE ANXIETY AND FEAR FOR HIS LIFE, ARISING FROM HIS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PROTECTION FROM CAPRIO AND WHITE. AND, THAT THIS PLAINTIFF'S FEARS INTENSIFIED ONCE HE PROVIDED DETAILED INFORMATION TO LIEUTENANTS CAPRIO AND WHITE.

THE INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THE APRIL 16, 1999 ASSAULT ARE MATERIAL TO PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS, BECAUSE THEY MAKE THE EXISTENCE OF THE MURDER CONSPIRACY MORE PROBABLE THAN NOT IN THE MINDS OF THE JURORS.

FURTHERMORE, THE PROBATIVE VALUE OUTWEIGHS ANY UNFAIR PREJUDICE. THEREBY, PREVENTING THE JURY FROM BEING MISLEAD INTO BELIEVING THAT THE ASSAULTS AGAINST PLAINTIFF ARE SEPARATE UNRELATED INCIDENTS, WHICH NEITHER DEFENDANTS COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING ABOUT. FURTHERMORE, IN DEFENDANTS INTERROGATORIES THEY REQUESTED TO KNOW WHAT INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED ON MAY 14, 1999, AND

HAD THEY REQUESTED TO KNOW THE EXTENT OF THE APRIL 16, 1999 INJURIES AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS HE WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION.

2) SUMMARY OF LEGAL ISSUES AND AUTHORITIES RELIED UPON BY PLAINTIFF:

TO ESTABLISH AN EIGHTH AMENDMENT CLAIM PLAINTIFF MUST ESTABLISH, AND SATISFY THE TWO PRONG TEST REQUIRED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN FARMER V. BRENNAN.

FIRST, A "SERIOUS" DEPRIVATION OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS THAT AMOUNT TO A WANTON AND UNNECESSARY INFLECTION OF PAIN. PLAINTIFF WAS THE VICTIM OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL MURDER CONSPIRACY FOR A SECOND TIME, BECAUSE OF THE DEFENDANTS FAILURE TO PROTECT HIM AFTER HAVING BEEN MADE AWARE.

Secondly, PRISON OFFICIALS SHOWED A RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR SAFETY BY FAILING TO ACT IN RESPONSE TO DANGER, WHICH THEY KNEW OF OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF. BECAUSE OF: (1) THE VIOLENT HISTORY OF THE D.C. BOYS; (2) A REVIEW OF TENSLEY'S CRIMINAL CASES WHICH DEALS WITH MULTIPLE MURDERS INTER ALIA; (3) INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THEIR INMATE INFORMANTS; AND (4) THE DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PLAINTIFF, AS WELL AS HIS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE DUE TO THE APRIL 16, 1999 ASSAULT. THEREFORE, THE DEFENDANTS WERE OF A CULPABLE STATE OF MIND, BECAUSE THEY KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF A SERIOUS RISK OF DANGER TO THIS PLAINTIFF.

2) Standard of Review

IN AN ACTION BY A PRISONER UNDER THE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS CLAUSE OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION'S EIGHTH AMENDMENT, PRISON OFFICIALS MAY NOT ESCAPE LIABILITY FOR DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE BY SHOWING THAT WHILE THEY WERE AWARE OF OBVIOUS, SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO PRISONER SAFETY, THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT THE PRISONER WAS ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO BE ASSAULTED BY THE SPECIFIC INMATES WHO EVENTUALLY COMMITTED THE ASSAULT; THE QUESTION UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT IS WHETHER PRISON OFFICIALS, ACTING WITH deliberate indifference, EXPOSED A PRISONER TO A SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PRISONER'S HEALTH, AND IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER THE RISK COMES FROM A SINGLE SOURCE OR MULTIPLE SOURCES, ANY MORE THAN IT MATTERS WHETHER A PRISONER FACES AN EXCESSIVE RISK OF ATTACK FOR REASONS PERSONAL TO THAT PRISONER OR BECAUSE ALL PRISONERS IN THAT PRISONER'S SITUATION FACE SUCH A RISK...."

FARMER V. BRENNAN, 128 L.Ed.2d 811, 815 (1994)

THE SUPREME COURT IN FARMER OVERTURNED IT'S PRIOR DECISION IN WILSON V. SEITER, 115 L.Ed.2d 271 (1991) CONCERNING THE STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR CIVIL CASES BROUGHT BY PRISONERS CLAIMING DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE ISSUES.

Justice's White, Marshall, Blackmun, and Stevens

Joined in a concurring separate opinion concerning the

Wilson v. Seiter Ruling:

The ultimate result of today's decision, I fear, is that 'serious deprivations of basic human needs'... will go unredressed due to an unnecessary and meaningless search for deliberate indifference."

Wilson v. Seiter, 115 L.Ed.2d 271, 287 (1991).

THE DEFENDANT'S RELY UPON THE COURT'S OVERTURNED RULING AS PART OF ~~THE~~ ^{THE} AUTHORITIES CITED AS A STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS OF DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE TO NO AVAIL. BECAUSE, PURSUANT TO THE RULING IN FARMER, THE DEFENDANTS KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN AFTER BEING MADE AWARE OF THE PENDING THREAT, AND PLAINTIFF'S APPEARANCE AFTER THE APRIL 16, 1999 MURDER ATTEMPT BY A MEMBER OF THE D.C. BOYS.

The Defendant's ALLEGE THAT THIS PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF HIS EXPERT WITNESSES AS REQUIRED BY Fed. R. CIV. P. 26 (a)(2)(A). THIS ALLEGATION IS TRUE IN PART AND FALSE IN PART. PLAINTIFF LISTED DR. WHAYET (NOW KNOWN TO BE DR WEYAND) IN HIS REPLY TO THEIR INTERROGATORIES, AND DETAILED WHAT HIS TESTIMONY WOULD BE ABOUT, AS AN EXPERT WITNESS.

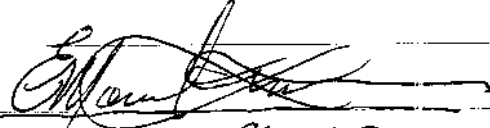
BOTH PLAINTIFF AND THE COURT WERE MISLEAD CONCERNING THE SUBPOENING OF PLAINTIFF'S NON-INMATE WITNESSES, AND MADE PLAINTIFF BELIEVE HE HAD TO PAY \$40.00 FOR EACH NON-INMATE WITNESS, WHEN IN FACT HE ONLY HAD TO PAY THE WITNESS FEE FOR DR WEYAND.

THROUGHOUT THE WITNESS CALL PROCESS THIS PLAINTIFF HAS HAD PROBLEMS. THERE ARE NO CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW AN INCARCERATED PRO-SE LITIGANT SHOULD GO ABOUT COMPLETING THE TASK. BECAUSE, THE COURT IS GOING PROCEED UNDER

LOCAL RULE 42.1 (ORDER OF PROOF AND BIFURCATION)

IT WILL ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR PLAINTIFF TO
CALL EXPERT WITNESSES ON THE SUBJECT OF EYE
INJURIES AND CORRECTIONAL PROCEDURES. BECAUSE,
THE SUBPOENING, PRESENTATION, AND CROSS-EXAMINATION
IS A SERIOUSLY COMPLICATED PROCESS, PLAINTIFF
INTENDS TO MAKE AN ORAL MOTION BEFORE THE COURT
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL BECAUSE THE EXPERT WITNESS
PROCESS IS FAR BEYOND HIS SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE OR ABILITY
TO COMPLETE DO TO HIS INMATE STATUS.

PLAINTIFF, WOULD REQUEST THE COURT TO FOREGO
ANY SANCTIONS AGAINST HIM FOR THE REASONS CITED ABOVE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY 
PLAINTIFF PRO-SE.